

*The Tragidie*

If euer he haue wife let her be mad,  
As miserable by the death of him,  
As I am made by my poore Lord and thee.  
Come now towards *Chertley* with your holy load  
Taken from *Pauls* to be interred there:  
And still as you are weary of the waight,  
Rest you whiles I lament King *Henries* coarfe.

*Enter Gloucester.*

*Glo.* Stay you that beare the coarfe, and set it downe,

*La.* What blacke Magitian, coniures vp this fiend  
To stop deuoted charitable deeds?

*Glo.* Villaine, set downe the coarfe or by Saint *Paul*,  
He make a coarfe of him that disobeyes?

*Gen.* Stand backe and Let the coffin passe,

*Glo.* Vnmanner'd dog, stand thou when I command,

Aduance thy halbert higher then my brest,

Or by Saint *Paul* he strike thee to my foote,

And spurne vpon thee begger for thy boldnes.

*La.* What do you tremble, are you all affraid?

Alas, I blame you not for you are mortall,

And mortall eyes cannot endure the Diuell.

Auant thou fearefull minister of hell,

Thou hadst but power ouer his mortall body,

His soule thou canst not haue therefore be gone,

*Glo.* Sweet Saint for charity, bee not so curst.

*La.* Foule diuell, for Gods sake hence and trouble vs not,

For thou hast made the happy earth thy hell:

Fil'd it with cursing cries and deepe exclaymes,

If thou delight to vew thy haniours deeds,

Behold this patterne of thy butcheries.

Oh Gentlemen see, see dead *Henries* wounds,

Open their congeal'd mouths and bleed afresh,

Blush, blush, thou lump of foule deformity,

For tis thy presence that exhals this blood,

From cold and emptie reynes where no bloud dwels.

Thy deed inhumane and vnnaturall,

Prouokes this deluge most vnnaturall,

Oh Ood, which this bloud mad'st, reuenge his death:

Oh earth, which this bloud drink'st, reuenge his death:

Either heauen with lightning strike the murderer dead,

*Of Richard the Third.*

Or earth gape open wide, and eate him quicke,

As thou didst swallow vp this good Kings blood,

Which his Hell-gouern'd arm hath butchered.

*Glo.* Lady, you know no rule of charity,

Which render good for bad, blessings for curses,

*La.* Villanne, thou knowst no law of God, nor man:

No beast so fierce, but knowes some touch of pittie,

*Glo.* But I know none, and therefore am no beast.

*La.* Oh wonderfull when deuils tell the truth,

*Glo.* More wonderfull when Angels are so angry,

Vouchsafe deuine perfection of a woman,

O these supposed euils to giue me leaue,

By circumstance but to acquit my selfe.

*La.* vouchsafe defused infection of a man,

For these knowne euils but to giue me leaue,

By circumstance to curse thy cursed selfe.

*Glo.* Easier then tongue can name thee, let me haue

Some patient leasure to excuse my selfe.

*La.* Fouler then heart can thinke thee, thou canst make

No excuse currant, but to hang thy selfe.

*Glo.* By such dispaire I should accuse my selfe.

*La.* And by dispaire shouldst thou stand excusde,

For doing worthy vengeance on thy selfe,

Which didst, vnworthy slaughter vpon others.

*Glo.* Say that I slew them not.

*La.* Why then they are not dead:

But dead they are and diuinish slaue by thee.

*Glo.* I did not kill your husband.

*La.* Why then he is alive.

*Glo.* Nay he is dead and staine by Edwards hand.

*La.* In thy foule throat thou liest. *Queene Margret* saw

Thy bloody faulchion smooking in his blood,

The which thou once didst bend against her brest,

But that my brother beat asside the poynt.

*Glo.* I was prouoked by her slanderous tongue

Which laid her guilt vpon my guiltlesse shoulders.

*La.* Thou wast prouoked by thy bloody minde,

Which neuer dreaunt on ought: but butcheryes:

Didst thou not kill this King?

*Glo.* I grant yee.

*La.*

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